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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

Compiled from original sources in the Statistics Division
Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about March 1, 1958, they held some 1,954.8 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about 12 per cent less than the 2,211.1 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (1957 figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,028 (1,112.0); Canada, 772.8 (832.3); Argentina, 104.0 (150.6); and Australia, 49.2 (116.2).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the chief exporting countries for the period August 1957 to February, 1958, totalled 463.3 million bushels about 21.9 per cent below the 592.5 million exported in the same period for 1956-57. Exports by countries in millions of bushels (1956-57 figures in brackets) were: United States, 208.6 (300.7); Canada, 170.3 (158.9); Argentina, 41.6 (51.0); and Australia, 42.8 (81.9).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States for the period January 1 to April 19 (1957 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 27,045 (404); feeder cattle, 104,546 (18); dairy cattle, 12,391 (9,568); calves, 2,632 (298); sheep, 13,740 (4,915); and hogs, 626 (176).

Exports of meats to all countries to April 19 were: beef, 17,035,200 pounds, an increase of 427 per cent over last year; pork, 15,267,500 pounds, an increase of 33 per cent; and mutton, 39,300 pounds up 57 per cent.

DAIRYING:

In the month of March 1958 butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,587,700 pounds, an increase of 12.7 per cent over the 1,408,800 pounds delivered in the same month last year. For the months January to March inclusive deliveries were up 12.5 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens in Alberta for March 1958 is estimated at 3,744,000 compared with 3,654,000 for the same month in 1957. Production per hen was 15.9 for the month, down from the 16.4 produced in March 1957. Total net production for March decreased from 4,929,000 dozen in 1957 to 4,919,000 in 1958.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of March	14,389	7,237	2,159	971	3,960	3,969	50	117	509	143
January - March	31,511	24,598	4,288	2,701	9,287	10,629	147	351	1,353	646
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in March					- dollars per bushel -					
	1.09	1.08	0.51	0.46	0.74	0.70	0.90	0.77	2.51	2.71
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of March	15,684	7,816	1,101	447	2,930	2,778	45	91	1,276	387
January - March	34,347	26,566	2,186	1,242	6,872	7,440	139	262	3,613	1,801
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - March	9,044	10,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of March	15,684	7,816	1,101	447	2,930	2,778	45	91	1,276	387
January - March	43,391	37,395	2,186	1,242	6,872	7,440	139	262	3,613	1,801

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:

	1957	1958
Month of March	$ 21,036,000	$ 11,519,000
January - March	$ 56,201,000	$ 48,140,000

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1957

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 Hogs dressed (without bonus)	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of March:								
Calgary	16.75	20.94	16.97	20.85	18.46	19.86	26.18	26.42
Edmonton	16.55	20.07	16.21	20.81	18.87	21.06	26.84	27.17
Lethbridge	16.91	20.88	16.99	21.45	18.98	20.26	26.04	26.62
January - March:								
Calgary	16.99	20.32	16.25	19.77	18.39	19.94	27.20	25.03
Edmonton	16.82	19.27	15.77	19.13	19.37	21.01	27.88	25.92
Lethbridge	16.84	19.97	16.53	20.38	18.89	19.88	27.08	25.26

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1957	Feb. 1957	Feb. 1958	Mar. 1958
21.5	28.4	26.6	28.9	29.8

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1957	Feb. 1957	Feb. 1958	Mar. 1958
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	79.6	78.4	93.0	96.1
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	70.2	90.6	93.1	103.6	100.9
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	88.1	84.2	89.7	95.3

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING M A R C H 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:				- number of head -				
Month of March	63,258	80,115	9,295	14,227	25,868	24,473	135,463	168,531
January - March	160,878	208,230	21,653	40,520	59,211	60,751	378,691	454,081
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of March	9,918	12,556	1,305	2,430	333	532	-	-
January - March	21,361	27,834	2,955	6,855	669	1,674	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of March	53,340	67,559	7,990	11,797	25,535	23,941	135,463	168,531
January - March	139,517	180,396	18,698	33,665	58,542	59,077	378,691	454,081
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of March	2,811	2,571	1,087	967	142	133	2,232	2,122
January - March	7,409	8,283	2,757	3,396	430	448	5,977	7,437
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of March	56,151	70,130	9,077	12,764	25,677	24,074	137,695	170,653
January - March	146,926	188,679	21,455	37,061	58,972	59,525	384,668	461,518
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of March	7,715,000	12,651,000	516,000	844,000	457,000	486,000	5,962,000	7,492,000
January - March	19,802,000	32,413,000	1,214,000	2,420,000	1,081,000	1,198,000	17,026,000	19,349,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:	1957	1958
Month of March	$ 14,650,000	$ 21,473,000
January - March	$ 39,123,000	$ 55,380,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (FEBRUARY AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH) FOR ALBERTA, 1957 and 1958

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,132	1,345	2,306	2,722	700	885	1,424	1,790
Dairy Butter	3.5	3.5	7	7	2	2	4	4
Milk for Cheese Making	1,034	1,056	2,046	2,123	26	27	52	55
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	8,895	9,524	17,772	19,572	215	273	431	561
Milk for Fluid Sales	22,312	22,981	45,841	47,078	1,009	1,057	2,075	2,168
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $					1,952	2,244	3,986	4,578

* Ice Cream and fluid cream converted to fluid milk basis

	MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH		MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH	
POULTRY PRODUCTS*	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	2,210,000	1,741,000	5,827,000	6,128,000	598,000	467,000	1,546,000	1,485,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	431,000	349,000	1,534,000	1,233,000	100,000	78,000	365,000	287,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY - - - - - - - - - - - $					698,000	545,000	1,911,000	1,772,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations

	1953	1954	1955	1956
Eggs	55.2	44.6	43.8	42.9
Poultry	34.8	35.4	41.9	43.1

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	1958 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1957 (March)	1958 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales $.	3,307,752	3,598,701	8.8	1,081,403	1,294,235	19.7
	Production - Centals	1,317,334	1,507,141	14.4	446,911	476,507	6.6
	Value $.	6,060,398	6,785,550	12.0	2,035,934	2,143,095	5.3
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production Lbs.	4,537,252	5,363,534	18.2	1,725,028	2,045,181	18.6
	Value $.	2,654,292	3,352,209	26.3	1,009,141	1,278,238	26.7
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production Lbs.	302,326	321,433	6.3	116,155	128,937	11.0
	Value $.	106,745	112,502	5.4	40,654	45,128	11.0
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales $.	8,200,785	9,154,496	11.6	2,820,235	3,151,506	11.7
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales $.	34,397,832	39,181,526	13.9	10,954,493	12,229,314	11.6
	Production-Meat-Lbs.	94,490,682	102,439,218	8.4	29,472,063	31,287,346	6.2
	Value $.	25,954,700	30,400,806	17.1	7,990,996	9,760,330	22.1
	- Exports Meat-Lbs.	52,596,245	57,247,377	8.8	16,903,464	16,088,522	- 4.8
	Value $.	14,433,429	16,935,739	17.3	4,582,529	5,019,619	9.5
Margarine Sales	- Lbs.	2,292,308	2,619,684	14.3	594,445	825,697	38.9
	Value $.	669,243	754,946	12.8	174,312	238,306	36.7

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING M A R C H 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

			1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	1958 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (March)	1958 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons.	999,880	709,977	- 29.0	195,326	161,116	- 17.5
		Value $.	5,213,185	3,436,454	- 34.1	939,170	745,374	- 20.6
Salt	Production	Tons.	10,944	12,423	13.5	3,319	3,882	17.0
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	31,934,627	31,182,092	- 2.4	11,373,662	10,765,087	- 5.4
Propane	Production	Barrels.	289,535	254,870	- 12.0	100,250	74,362	- 25.8
	Sales	Barrels.	275,855	252,346	- 8.5	88,349	66,265	- 25.0
Butane	Production	Barrels.	192,311	165,990	- 13.7	67,585	52,831	- 21.8
	Sales	Barrels.	77,725	166,383	114.1	24,814	49,108	97.9
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	20,966	33,625	60.4	8,965	11,699	30.5
	Sales	Tons.	12,550	18,462	47.1	6,493	6,785	4.5
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	430,116	244,503	- 43.2	157,028	109,948	- 30.0
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	668,312	603,057	- 9.8	239,659	177,830	- 25.8
Cement	Production	Barrels.	601,439	193,291	- 67.9	222,404	97,337	- 56.2
		Value $.	1,573,410	484,617	- 69.2	580,708	246,492	- 57.6
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	164,243	198,348	20.8	68,059	73,459	7.9
	Production	Tons.	6,302	7,383	17.2	2,294	2,499	8.9
		Value $.	84,776	106,301	25.4	29,749	35,948	20.8

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan. - Feb.)	1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1957 (February)	1958 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum - Crude (1)	Production-Barrels.	25,394,009	21,186,297*	- 16.6	11,696,902	10,340,000*	- 11.6
	Value of Sales $.	65,719,295	54,068,875*	- 17.7	30,756,670	26,370,000*	- 14.3
Natural Gas (1)	Production - M.C.F.	45,139,442	49,557,105*	9.8	20,943,347	23,000,000*	9.8
Petroleum - Crude (2)	Imports - Barrels.	265,693	169,710	- 36.1	122,144	94,381	- 22.7
	Exports - Barrels.	22,803,160	15,822,649	- 30.6	10,679,837	7,646,312	- 28.4
Petroleum Products Refined (2)	Production-Barrels.	3,949,271	4,016,609	1.7	1,934,855	1,914,974+	- 1.0
	Imports - Barrels.	25,748	54,265	110.8	13,132	17,415	32.6
	Exports - Barrels.	925,463	842,219	- 9.0	487,512	394,745	- 19.0
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha (1)	Production-Barrels.	181,004	178,274*	- 1.5	83,647	88,900*	6.3
	Value of Sales $.	499,252	490,092*	- 1.8	234,191	244,475*	4.4

(1) Source: Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

\+ Composed of 1,020,723 bbls. gasoline; 487,121 bbls. diesel fuel; 16,960 bbls. kerosene; 390,170 bbls. other fuel and miscellaneous products.

* Preliminary.

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MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	1958 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1957 (March)	1958 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber - ft.b.m.		974,800,000	[illegible],000,000	- 19.2	96,800,000	82,000,000	- 15.3
	Value $.	11,000,000	8,900,000	- 19.1	3,900,000	3,300,000	- 15.4
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.		13,700,000	11,500,000	- 16.1	4,750,000	4,100,000	- 13.7
Fur (Wild Life)	No. of Pelts.	487,818	580,128	18.9	121,243	131,610	8.6
	Value $.	370,366	417,118	12.6	91,538	96,375	5.3

			1957 (Jan. - Apr.)	1958 (Jan. - Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1957 (April)	1958 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Bank Clearings	Calgary	$.	1,666,957,045	1,723,085,789	3.4	428,074,531	488,102,289	14.0
	Edmonton	$.	763,353,506	705,632,087	- 7.6	198,401,426	181,334,130	- 7.6
	Lethbridge	$.	73,068,322	75,311,527	3.1	19,851,547	19,577,148	- 1.4
	Medicine Hat	$.	29,792,177	31,328,404	5.2	8,456,236	8,753,290	3.5
	Red Deer	$.	27,535,774	29,999,981	8.9	8,193,233	8,258,040	.8
	Grande Prairie	$.	13,051,933	12,308,595	- 5.7	3,579,111	3,112,162	- 13.0

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan. - Feb.)	1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1957 (February)	1958 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	2,242,549,000	1,988,268,000	- 11.3	1,035,579,000	909,512,000	- 12.2
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	6,433	5,312	- 17.4	3,051	2,508	- 17.8
	Value $.	19,636,000	16,160,000	- 17.7	9,219,000	7,552,000	- 18.1
Electricity - Net Generated (3)	K.W.Hrs.	419,855,000	448,416,000	6.8	198,105,000	218,141,000	10.1
Life Insurance Sales	$.	46,346,000	50,694,000	9.4	25,171,000	26,125,000	3.8
Custom's Duty Receipts	$.	3,399,578	2,924,116	- 14.0	1,552,800	1,295,532	- 16.6

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 35, No. 2, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. 30, No. 2, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 26, No. 2, 1958, Dominion Bureau of Statistics

Note: Fisheries Production for the first three months of 1958 totalled 2,488,854 lbs valued at $409,720, as compared with 2,612,615 lbs valued at $539,841 in 1957.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan - Mar.)	1958 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (March)	1958 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Value $.	5,816,660	11,128,253	91.3	3,046,514	6,311,566	107.2
EDMONTON	Value $.	7,434,882	11,448,261	54.0	4,089,849	5,176,561	26.6
LETHBRIDGE	Value $.	766,397	795,623	3.8	329,485	389,954	18.4
MEDICINE HAT	Value $.	295,450	828,200	180.3	267,150	429,450	60.8
RED DEER	Value $.	171,500	276,575	61.3	62,350	242,650	289.2
DRUMHELLER	Value $.	2,250	22,000	877.8	650	-	-
WETASKIWIN	Value $.	13,200	29,900	126.5	4,100	1,400	- 65.9
CAMROSE	Value $.	49,780	15,300	- 69.3	48,960	13,300	- 72.8
GRANDE PRAIRIE	Value $.	46,100	134,650	192.1	31,800	60,650	90.7
LLOYDMINSTER	Value $.	16,325	39,155	139.8	6,725	4,245	- 36.9
TOTAL (10 CITIES)	PERMITS - NUMBER	1,702	2,608	53.2	842	1,219	44.8
	VALUE $.	14,612,544	24,717,917	69.2	7,887,583	12,629,776	60.1
TOTAL (167 Municipalities)	VALUE $.	2,393,593	6,725,440	181.0	1,121,965	2,881,935	156.9
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)							
RESIDENTIAL	Number	250	531	112.4	184	139	- 24.5
	Value $.	2,421,900	8,024,900	231.3	1,783,400	3,226,500	80.9
BUSINESS	Number	71	120	69.0	36	49	36.1
	Value $.	7,261,000	9,796,200	34.9	3,032,100	2,052,100	- 32.3
INDUSTRIAL	Number	13	15	15.4	5	5	-
	Value $.	2,456,000	929,500	- 62.2	185,000	368,000	98.9
ENGINEERING	Number	23	30	30.4	9	5	- 44.4
	Value $.	5,480,000	28,003,400	411.0	2,183,800	8,934,600	309.1
TOTAL	NUMBER	357	696	95.0	234	198	- 15.4
	VALUE $.	17,618,900	46,754,000	165.4	7,184,300	14,581,200	103.0

(1) Source: Building Reporter Section, MacLean Building Guide, April, 1958, published by Hugh C. MacLean Publications. (Based on information collected by MacLean Building Reports).

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957.

	1957 (Jan. - Apr.)	1958 (Jan. - Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (April)	1958 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Banff	117,359	117,426	.1	41,054	41,284	.6
Elk Island	5,100	11,700	129.4	2,400	9,000	275.0
Jasper	23,319	34,714	48.9	9,819	8,538	- 13.0
Waterton Lakes	7,334	10,332	40.9	7,334	10,332	40.9
TOTAL	153,112	174,172	13.8	60,607	69,154	14.1

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957.

	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	1958 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (March)	1958 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Aden	42	53	26.2	29	9	- 69.0
Carway	887	1,004	13.2	392	360	- 8.2
Coutts	5,101	5,075	- .5	2,042	1,987	- 2.7
Del Bonita	498	566	13.7	207	130	- 37.2
Wild Horse	106	117	10.4	59	30	- 49.2
TOTAL	6,634	6,815	2.7	2,729	2,516	- 7.8

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	1958 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (March)	1958 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies ..	31,676,609	24,675,661	- 22.1	12,871,999	8,578,621	- 33.4
Boots and Shoes	756,228	706,419	- 6.6	144,143	151,069	4.8
Drugs	2,584,296	2,850,024	10.3	871,712	917,995	5.3
Dry Goods	3,231,911	3,175,522	- 1.7	1,217,472	1,198,100	- 1.6
Electrical Appliances and Radios	15,110,969	13,807,685	- 8.6	4,295,908	4,848,643	12.9
Florists	172,103	211,024	22.6	58,678	79,491	35.5
Furniture	866,705	842,752	- 2.8	317,064	290,669	- 8.3
Groceries (Including Fruits and Vegetables) ...	41,837,813	46,468,081	11.1	13,711,017	15,320,490	11.7
Hardware	15,876,159	15,346,643	- 3.3	5,784,543	5,031,713	- 13.0
Jewellery and Silverware	108,070	113,100	4.7	17,930	17,303	- 3.5
Lumber and Building Supplies	10,619,474	11,921,414	12.3	3,784,048	3,867,262	2.2
Machinery, Agricultural	6,054,172	6,814,942	12.6	2,925,960	2,995,153	2.4
Machinery, Other	4,441,822	3,081,746	- 30.6	1,201,409	902,053	- 24.9
Paints and Varnishes	2,036,712	2,067,788	1.5	631,269	629,866	- .2
Paper	2,787,231	2,837,384	1.8	973,463	1,014,237	4.2
Tobacco	4,825,254	4,836,873	.2	1,447,205	1,450,136	.2
Oilfield Supplies	5,823,544	4,404,226	- 24.4	1,817,969	1,224,042	- 32.7
Carbonated Beverages	2,403,057	2,525,480	5.1	860,497	847,096	- 1.6
Miscellaneous	15,826,042	15,338,171	- 3.1	5,676,937	5,222,247	- 8.0
TOTAL	167,038,171	162,024,935	- 3.0	58,609,223	54,586,186	- 6.9
LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	32,179,115	33,729,254	4.8	11,391,708	11,111,472	- 2.5
Edmonton	38,519,022	38,530,191	-	12,838,125	13,084,878	1.9
Lethbridge	2,990,558	3,471,674	16.1	1,109,484	1,100,598	- .8
Medicine Hat	367,568	388,142	5.6	128,618	147,269	14.5
Smaller Centres	2,498,225	2,164,700	- 13.4	913,603	672,156	- 26.4
Major Cities - Not distributable by location ..	90,483,683	83,740,974	- 7.5	32,227,685	28,469,813	- 11.7
TOTAL	167,038,171	162,024,935	- 3.0	58,609,223	54,586,186	- 6.9

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

	1957 (Jan. - Feb.)	1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (February)	1958 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE:	165,600,000*	172,043,000	3.9	82,238,000	81,590,000	- .8
Grocery and Combination Stores	25,666,000	27,968,000	8.9	12,654,000	13,717,000	8.4
Other Food and Beverage Stores	9,306,000	9,813,000	5.4	4,735,000	4,805,000	1.5
General Stores	8,191,000	8,750,000	6.8	4,146,000	4,324,000	4.3
Department Stores	16,772,000	19,004,000	13.3	7,857,000	8,690,000	10.6
Variety Stores	1,613,000	1,754,000	8.7	818,000	845,000	3.3
Motor Vehicle Dealers	39,504,000	38,131,000	- 3.5	20,176,000	17,856,000	- 11.5
Garage and Filling Stations	11,677,000	11,068,000	- 5.2	6,485,000	5,990,000	- 7.6
Men's Clothing Stores	2,988,000	3,209,000	7.4	1,144,000	1,194,000	4.4
Family Clothing Stores	1,596,000	1,853,000	16.1	762,000	866,000	13.6
Women's Clothing Stores	2,887,000	3,079,000	6.7	1,116,000	1,104,000	- 1.1
Shoe Stores	884,000	977,000	10.5	412,000	398,000	- 3.4
Hardware Stores	4,449,000	5,103,000	14.7	2,172,000	2,446,000	12.6
Lumber and Building Materials Dealers	5,533,000	5,764,000	4.2	2,527,000	2,405,000	- 4.8
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	6,696,000	7,443,000	11.2	3,403,000	3,792,000	11.4
Restaurant	6,414,000	6,536,000	1.9	3,154,000	3,168,000	.4
Fuel Dealers	186,000	156,000	- 16.1	70,000	68,000	- 2.9
Drug Stores	4,003,000	4,285,000	7.0	1,955,000	2,059,000	5.3
Jewellery Stores	881,000	911,000	3.4	406,000	415,000	2.2
Miscellaneous	16,356,000	16,244,000	- .7	8,246,000	7,448,000	- 9.7

* Any slight difference between totals and their components is due to the rounding of figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. 30, No. 2, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 28 February, 1958

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 58, No. 3, March, 1958)

THERE was little change in the Prairie labour market during February. Agricultural employment was lower than last year, but this was offset by a gain of 1.4 per cent in non-farm industries. Unemployment was about the same as a month earlier but much higher than last year.

Employment in manufacturing, on the whole, remained higher during the second half of 1957 than a year before but there was a gradual weakening towards the end of the year. Employment trends of individual manufacturing industries during this period were not uniform. The iron and steel industry recorded a more-than-seasonal decline, which was most marked in Alberta, reflecting the drop in construction activity and a slowdown in the oil industry. In the transportation equipment industry, employment during the summer months was higher than a year earlier but the seasonal decline during the fall was more marked. The food and beverage industry maintained higher employment throughout 1957 largely because of a sharp increase in livestock marketing. There was no significant change in the trends in the first part of 1958.

During the last half of 1957, a decline in non-residential construction employment was partially offset by an upturn in housebuilding, and in the first two months of 1958 residential construction activity continued to be substantially higher than a year earlier. In addition, there were signs of recovery in other types of building construction. The total value of contracts awarded for non-residential work in December and January was almost 80 per cent higher than a year before.

The transportation industry, which plays a relatively more important part in the Prairie region than elsewhere, showed a year-to-year gain in employment of 3.5 per cent during the third quarter of 1957. During the winter months, however, the employment trend declined as a result of smaller grain and coal shipments.

CALGARY (metropolitan). Remained in the substantial surplus category. Unemployment rose slightly during February as further seasonal layoffs occurred in the construction industry, in foundries and machine shops. There was some increase in exploration activity.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Remained in the substantial surplus category. Seasonal layoffs in manufacturing contributed to a slight increase in unemployment. There was a noticeable increase in geophysical activity in the northern part of the province.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st February, 1958, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA*, BY INDUSTRIES

At F E B R U A R Y 1, 1958, As compared with Corresponding Date in 1957.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1958	Feb. 1 1957 $	Feb. 1 1958 $	Feb. 1 1958
Mining	144.8	143.3	93.51	95.98	21,939
Coal	40.3	29.1	71.33	49.21	2,349
Oil	292.6	303.7	97.32	102.07	18,029
Manufacturing	150.8	143.3	70.43	72.93	29,248
Foods and Beverages	113.8	112.1	66.51	70.48	8,239
Meat Products	131.0	133.0	72.62	75.99	4,204
Wood Products	131.4	106.2	52.95	57.53	2,966
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	122.7	131.3	64.19	68.37	1,488
Iron and Steel Products	197.9	174.4	75.28	77.29	3,093
Transportation Equipment	167.9	150.3	68.95	69.81	4,467
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	136.8	119.2	67.37	69.00	1,903
Products of Petroleum and Coal	191.3	189.4	88.86	99.32	1,864
Construction	164.0	139.0	77.30	75.07	15,440
Buildings and Structures (k)	197.4	142.7	83.84	78.21	8,849
Highways, Bridges and Streets	122.5	134.3	64.20	70.85	6,591
Transportation, Storage, Communication	116.4	115.6	68.45	73.74	24,185
Steam Railways	96.1	84.1	70.38	73.75	11,291
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	164.2	168.5	73.28	77.22	4,310
Storage	111.2	112.4	57.77	61.38	2,670
Trade	149.8	155.9	57.28	60.01	31,422
Wholesale	150.6	152.2	64.73	68.69	10,713
Retail	149.3	157.9	53.33	55.51	20,709
Service	148.8	149.3	43.54	45.28	8,798
Hotels and Restaurants	140.3	129.6	41.31	40.98	5,215
Industrial Composite	145.4	141.6	68.80	71.57	143,929

* Including Northwest Territories.

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, February, 1958
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries
At F E B R U A R Y 1, 1958, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1957.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1958	Feb. 1 1957 $	Feb. 1 1958 $	Feb. 1 1958
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	134.6	128.0	68.77	73.04	9,492
Foods and Beverages	125.6	118.6	67.20	71.29	2,952
Transportation Equipment	146.5	134.6	67.06	69.69	2,462
Construction	206.8	160.8	67.37	77.44	3,219
Wholesale Trade	132.4	133.1	64.84	68.17	4,328
Retail Trade	153.8	160.4	54.94	56.36	8.034
Industrial Composite	153.2	151.9	63.62	67.11	37,198
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	173.2	168.6	70.59	73.65	12,870
Foods and Beverages	125.5	128.2	68.81	73.05	3,917
Meat Products	130.4	132.7	71.92	75.99	2,695
Construction	183.7	149.3	80.63	79.53	5,904
Wholesale Trade	178.5	178.7	64.69	68.61	4,621
Retail Trade	153.6	164.8	52.87	55.46	9,401
Industrial Composite	170.0	169.4	65.20	66.87	43,371

Source: Employment and Payrolls, February, 1958
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNINGS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At F E B R U A R Y 1, 1958, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1957

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1958	Feb. 1 1957 ¢	Feb. 1 1958 ¢	Feb. 1 1957 $	Feb. 1 1958 $	Feb. 1 1958
Coal Mining	35.0	22.7	199.2	195.3	69.72	44.33	1,852
Oil and Natural Gas Production	45.4	44.2	206.9	216.1	93.93	95.52	6,437
Manufacturing	40.1	39.3	164.0	174.6	65.76	68.62	19,431
Foods and Beverages	38.5	38.8	160.6	170.8	61.83	66.27	5,514
Meat Products	38.6	39.0	175.2	181.9	67.63	70.94	3,040
Transportation Equipment	40.9	39.0	166.4	174.9	68.06	68.21	3,465
Buildings and Structures (h)	41.6	38.2	200.0	192.2	83.20	73.42	6,227
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.4	38.1	160.5	173.8	64.84	66.22	2,196
Services (j)	38.5	37.6	98.1	101.8	37.77	38.28	5,047

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, February, 1958
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.